

March 7, 2008

REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS FOR EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO AND PUBLIC
INTEREST SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN
DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

To Be Presented at the Court's
**NINTH ANNUAL AWARDS FOR
EXCELLENCE IN PRO BONO AND PUBLIC INTEREST SERVICE**

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, in conjunction with the Chicago Chapter of the Federal Bar Association, is seeking nominations to be submitted to the court no later than Friday, March 28, 2008, for attorneys who have provided outstanding pro bono and public interest representation in civil matters before this court. The nominee should be someone who has demonstrated excellence in commitment to pro bono or public interest work by handling a matter in this district as a court-appointed attorney, pro bono attorney, or staff attorney for a not-for-profit agency, representing an indigent party in a civil matter.

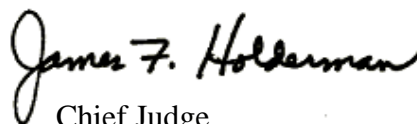
Factors to be considered in the selection of the nominee include: dedication to pro bono or public interest work, outstanding achievement resulting from the representation of a large group of indigents, successful representation in a difficult case, outstanding negotiation and settlement skills in achieving a result without trial, extraordinary number of hours committed to pro bono work, or other distinguished performance. **All pro bono and public interest work considered should be work performed in this court in civil matters on cases that are now completed and no longer pending.**

Please submit your nominations on or before **March 28, 2008**, including the following information: the name and address of the nominee, a brief résumé of the nominee, complete case title, case number and judge of case(s) in which he/she performed pro bono or public interest work on matters already completed in this court, a summary of the case and the work done on the case by the nominee, and a brief summary of the reasons why you think that this person has performed outstanding pro bono or public interest work.

Please send your nominations via e-mail to: amy_rettberg@ilnd.uscourts.gov. If you have any questions, you may contact:

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PLEASE SHARE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WITH ALL INTERESTED PARTIES.



Chief Judge
United States District Court
for the Northern District of Illinois